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## JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>"VOTED" The Best Legion TACO'S in Town Only \$1.50 Each</b>		<b>TRY OUR FANTASTIC BURGERS &amp; FRIES</b>		1	2	3
4 Happy Independence Day! ★★★★★	5 <b>FOOD</b> SAL Mtg 7:00 Taco Night 	6	7 <b>FOOD</b> Tenderloins 5:30 - 7:30 	8	9	10
11	12 <b>FOOD</b> Taco Night 	13 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	14 <b>FOOD</b> Kitchen open 	15	16	17
18	19 <b>FOOD</b> Taco Night 	20 ALR Mtg 7:30	21 <b>FOOD</b> E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	22 'Open Play' Cribbage 7:00 Kitchen Closed	23 August Newsletter articles due	24
25	26 <b>FOOD</b> Taco Night 	27	28 <b>FOOD</b> Kitchen open 	29	30	31

### COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The heat of summer came on really fast. Try to stay cool and safe. Memorial Day went very well...good turnout. Thanks to everyone who helped clean the kitchen...good job! Randy Young will be our new Color Guard Commander. Look for his phone in our officers listing.

Millard South ROTC helps out our Post quite a bit, so it's nice to help them when we can. Among the ALR, SAL, Honor Guard, and the Legion, we donated nine air rifles and a compressor to charge the rifles, along with pellets for their marksmanship program.

FIREWORKS! The Legion will have a Wild Willy's Fireworks tent at the Stonybrook Hy-Vee. Plan on purchasing your fireworks there to help our Post. The more the tent sells, the more money the Post will receive.

I am hoping the goulash on Mighty Friday, along with music, bingo and trivia, went well. This newsletter was due at the printer prior to that event taking place.

As everyone knows, much has changed in our lives. I don't know if that makes us a little stand-offish to meeting and talking to new people. Our Post has been known to be a very friendly place to come into and have a drink and friendly conversation. I think we need to get back to where we were before the pandemic caused us to be a little paranoid. Be nice to everyone and welcome them to our Post.

At our E-Board meeting, it was decided to remove our outside deck. This is due to safety issues. We are afraid someone could get hurt. We will order a dumpster and ask for help on the demo. This will take place after July 4th. Speaking of the 4th, remember to buy your fireworks at Wild Willy's at Hy-Vee in Stonybrook to help our Post. Have a safe and happy 4th of July.  
*Semper Fi Gary Sempek*

The Post By-Laws need to be reviewed. They will be reviewed by a committee but the committee need all Legionnaires to be involved. You can read them by going to the following link:  
[http://post374.org/documents/post\\_374\\_bylaws\\_updated\\_2015.pdf](http://post374.org/documents/post_374_bylaws_updated_2015.pdf)

### SAL NEWS

Greetings SAL,

It's nice to see everyone's face again, as in No More Masks!

Here are a couple of noteworthy items: We will be participating in the Ralston day parade Sunday July 4.

Mark your calendars for Saturday August 14, we're planning to have a "trash can" feed. Corn, potatoes, sausage and other goodies all cooked together. It should be a great event.

We would like to thank the color guard for your participation in the Memorial Day ceremonies. We visited three cemeteries and concluded with a ceremony at the Post. On that note, we were disappointed that more of you didn't join us on that important day and we that changes moving forward.

Please remember we are all members because of the service and/or sacrifice of one of your family members. The key word is service; give back by showing up.

We need additional members to assist with our SAL taco night on the third Monday of the month. We've had the same 2-3 people working taco night for the past 2 years and it would be wonderful if more gave a little time. Remember the Post is operated by volunteers so please try it out.

Our next monthly meeting is Monday July 5, please join us. 2022 membership cards are arriving so let's get those dues paid.

Summer is upon us, stay cool and we'll see you at the Post.

*We are family! John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST



June 28 - July 4 ..... Post Fireworks Tent  
(Located at the Stonybrook Hy-Vee)

Sat. August 14 ..... "Trash can feed"

Sat. August 21 ..... OCW Poker Run

Sat. August 28 ..... Nebraska

### WE WANT YOU TO HELP THE POST SAVE MONEY!

Send us your email address so you can get the monthly newsletter via email. It will cut down on postage costs.

Send your full name & email address to [news@post374.org](mailto:news@post374.org)

If you've already done this, thank you!



**AUXILIARY NEWS**

I would like to thank everyone for their support of me as the new president. I will do my best to fulfill the duties of my office and to help advance opportunities for the Auxiliary and the Post. I also want to thank Tara Scott for all her efforts during her three years as president. Congratulations to the rest of the officers: Tara Scott, Vice President, Sally Johnson - secretary, Mary Bauder - treasurer and Patty Polson - membership.

July is when we collect donations of school supplies for the Millard schools. There are lots of children in need of our help. Please pick up some items and drop them off at the Post by Sunday August 8 or please leave a monetary donation. It will be put to good use.

We appreciate all of our members that have joined and we will use your membership dues in the best way possible. We do need more of our members to attend meetings to give us different ideas on improvements for our organization & how to use your dues. We also want to get to know more of our members by chatting with you before or after meetings! Feel free to call me with any input you may have if you can't attend a meeting but I hope to see you at the next meeting Tuesday July 13 at 7:00.

We will serve desserts for taco night on Monday July 12. Let me know if you can bring one. *Karen Brink 402.740.1455*

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS**

The masks are off and everyone looks great. It is wonderful to see everyone out and about.

I hate to sound like a broken record but I want to encourage everyone to volunteer to help out the riders in the coming months whether it is working the raffle, kitchen, or committees; our need is great and we need your guidance and support.

Please get out on your bikes and ride and when you do, please wear your patch; it promotes the Legion Riders. Some also say it may help you out on a speeding ticket or two (I know it helped me once).

*Take care and be safe.  
Semper Fi Steve Lahrs, ALR Director*

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following for their continuous years of Legion membership:**

**50 Year Members:**

- Duane Cheney*
- Donald Dennis*
- Ron Fechner*
- Terry Heese*
- Bernard Malone Jr*
- Neal Nore*
- Con Shultz*
- Jack Wagaman*

**60 Year Member:**

- John Morris*

**70 Year Member:**

- Robert Martin*

**BUDDY CHECK 22**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month at Cunningham's bar on 108<sup>th</sup> & Old Mill Rd there is a special gathering of Veterans dedicated to reducing and eliminating Veteran suicide. We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to others that served at our side. We stood together then and we stand together now.

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There are three pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday), and one each for the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and the SAL drawing (Sunday). You have to register to win.

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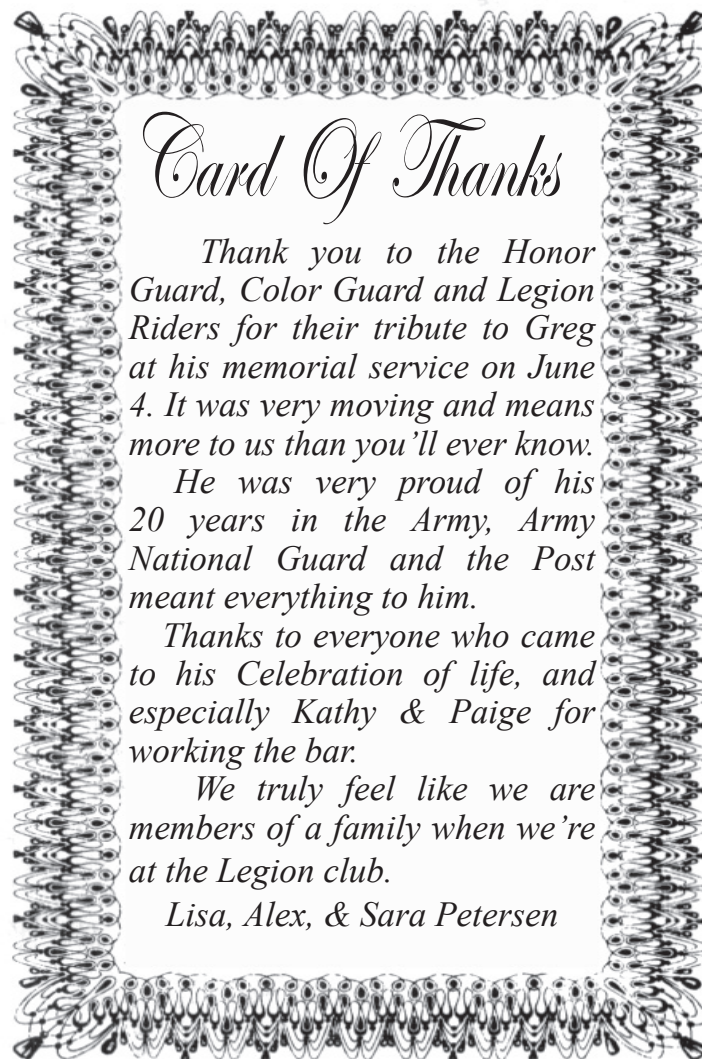
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- Jr. SAL.....\$10.00

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*Card Of Thanks*

*Thank you to the Honor Guard, Color Guard and Legion Riders for their tribute to Greg at his memorial service on June 4. It was very moving and means more to us than you'll ever know.*

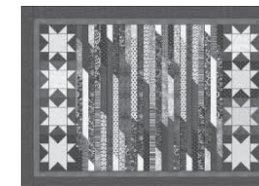
*He was very proud of his 20 years in the Army, Army National Guard and the Post meant everything to him.*

*Thanks to everyone who came to his Celebration of life, and especially Kathy & Paige for working the bar.*

*We truly feel like we are members of a family when we're at the Legion club.*

*Lisa, Alex, & Sara Petersen*

This Quilt Picture May Not Represent Actual Design of Quilt You Might Receive.



Our American Legion Post is presently involved in taking names of veterans to be nominated to receive a Quilt of Valor, presented by the Quilts of Valor Society of America. The Society awards quilts to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war.

To learn more the website is govf.org Please forward the name of any veteran to Dennis Guinane (Post 374 Chaplain) by way of the Honor Guard box in the Post business office, or you can mail the nomination to the Post:

**PO Box 390698 Omaha NE 68139**  
**Attn: Dennis Guinane.**

Include your contact information so I can follow up with you.  
*Thank you! Dennis Guinane*

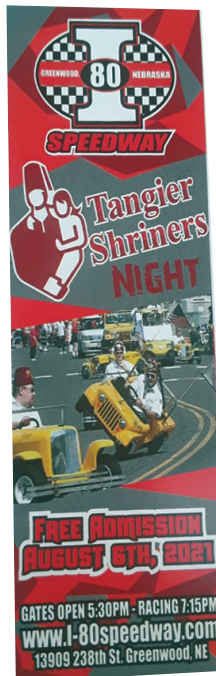
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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE**  
**(NO Later Than Friday, July 23, 2021)**

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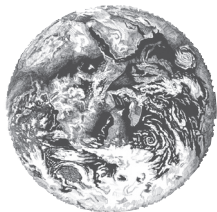
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